

### REMARKS

The Examiner has issued an Official Action requiring restriction between two groups of inventions. The groups identified by the Examiner are:

Group I: Claims 1-6 drawn to a bioemulsifier and

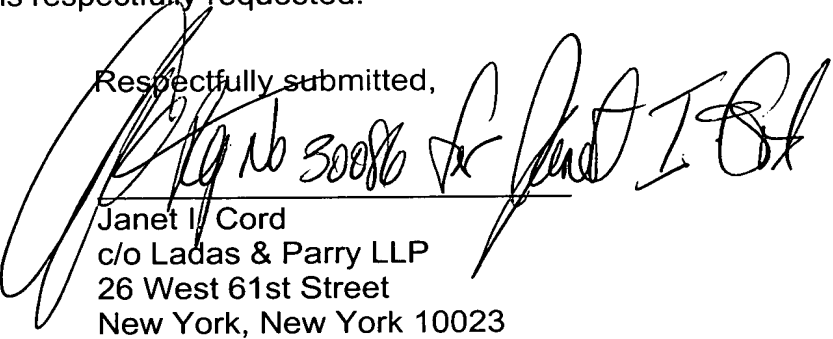
Group II: Claims 7-19 drawn to a process for producing a bioemulsifier.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement.

To expedite prosecution applicants provisionally elect the claims of group I- claims 1-6. Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims and/or any other subject matter disclosed in the specification.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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